

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (new) An oral care system (1), comprising a sonic power toothbrush (2) which comprises:

a toothbrush body (3);

a brush member (4) mounted on the toothbrush body;

a brushhead (5) which is supported by the brush member at its end remote from the toothbrush body, so as to be able to vibrate relative to the body, and which includes bristles (6) and an additive outlet (7);

a plurality of additive containers (8, 18) containing additives;

driving means (9) for generating sonic frequency vibrations and a transmission means (29) for transmitting said sonic frequency vibrations to the brushhead;

a manual selection means for selecting one additive container and means for moving the additive in said one container by manual action through the additive outlet; and

an automatic selection means for automatically selecting at least one additional additive container following selection of the one additive container by said manual selection means, and means for moving the additive in the additional additive container, through the additive outlet.

9. (new) An oral care system of claim 8, wherein said manual selection means includes a switch which is movable into a position corresponding to selection of the one container.

10. (new) An oral care system of claim 8, wherein the automatic selection means includes a processor (19) for selecting and activating additive flow from the additional additive container.

11. (new) An oral care system of claim 10, wherein the processor controls the selection and activation of additive flow after a selected period of time has elapsed since manual selection of the one additive container.

12. (new) An oral care system of claim 8, further including a charging holder (15) in which the toothbrush can be placed for electrical charging, wherein the holder is provided with a refill unit (16) for refilling at least one of the containers when the toothbrush is placed in the holder.

13. (new) An oral care system (1) comprising a sonic power toothbrush (2) which comprises:

a toothbrush body (3);

a brush member (4) mounted on the toothbrush body;

a brushhead (5) which is supported by the brush member at its end remote from the toothbrush body, so as to be able to vibrate relative to the body, and which includes bristles (6), an additive outlet (7);

a plurality of additive containers (8, 18) containing additives;

driving means for generating sonic frequency vibrations and a transmission means for transmitting said sonic frequency vibrations to the brushhead during use of one additive; and

means applying another additive without sonic frequency vibrations, wherein the additive containers are manually or automatically selected during use of the toothbrush.

14. (new) An oral care system of claim 13, including switch means (21) which is movable into a position corresponding to selection of an additive when the additive is manually selected.

15. (new) An oral care system of claim 13, including a processor (19) for automatically selecting an additive.

16. (new) An oral care system of claim 13, including a charging holder (15) in which the toothbrush can be placed for electrical charging, wherein the holder is provided with a refill

unit (16) for refilling at least one of the containers (8, 18) when the toothbrush is placed in the holder.

17. (new) An oral care system, comprising:  
a sonic toothbrush (2), in turn comprising:  
a toothbrush body (3);  
a brush member (4) mounted on the toothbrush body;  
a brushhead (5) which is supported by the brush member at its end remote from the body, so as to be able to vibrate relative to the body, and which is provided with bristles (6) and an additive outlet (7);  
an additive container (8) connected to said additive outlet;  
driving means (9) for generating sonic frequency vibrations and transmission means (29) for transmitting said sonic frequency vibrations to the brushhead, wherein the toothbrush includes at least two additive containers; and  
an integrated container refill and battery charging base apparatus, including a refill pump unit, the base apparatus configured to both refill at least one of the containers and to charge at least one rechargeable battery of the toothbrush upon receiving the toothbrush within a holder portion thereof.

base assembly for moving additive from a storage unit in the base assembly into the toothbrush. Klupt, which is the reference cited for the refilling system, does not teach such a pump element within the base assembly. Accordingly, claim 17 is patentable over the cited references.

In view of the above, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

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